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USA PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

TRANSVAGINAL SUTURING SYSTEM

the specification of which was filed on April 10, 1998, as Application Serial No. 09/058,530;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a);

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S.A. Applications

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Serial No.: 08/205,042	Filed: March 2, 1994	Status: Issued	USPN 5,540,704
Serial No.: 08/057,699	Filed: May 4, 1993	Status: Issued	USPN 5,458,609
Serial No.: 07/941,382	Filed: Sept 4, 1992	Status: Issued	USPN 5,364,408

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